

Study Transferability

If an individual elects to provide their social security number at every enhanced child care study initiation, any subsequent child care studies can be initiated at no cost. For example, Joanna is hired by Program 1 in December 2019, provides her social security number, and receives a clearance for an enhanced child care study. Joanna then applies for a job at Program 2 in March 2020. When Program 2 initiates the study on Joanna, they will not need to pay the \$40 fee and she will not need to be fingerprinted. This “free connectability” applies to all entities that require enhanced child care studies including licensed child care centers, certified child care centers, and licensed family child care programs as well as education programs and “temporary staffing” programs who initiate studies through NETStudy 2.0. Enhanced child care studies will still need to be repeated every 5 years.

A study subject’s decision to provide a social security number does not affect the study if this person is not planning on seeking employment with a child care center or providing family child care services in another county.

However, for example, if someone is a substitute caregiver serving providers in two counties, each of those counties is required to initiate a background study. If the subject does not provide his or her social security number for both studies:

- The initial study results will not be instantly available to the second county
- The results from the first county’s study will not be transferable to the second county
- The subject will need to be re-fingerprinted for the study in the second county